

HORTICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION D.C.
MINUTES OF July 13, 2004.

Present: Tammy Barthel, MG
Pat Bahe, MG
Jim Eckhout, N. Macomb
Anne Crotser, 4-H Staff, MG

Anne called the meeting to order. Lacking a quorum, no formal actions were taken. The minutes were presented. Jim Eckhout said that there has been no activity since his last Treasurer's report.

We then discussed the details of the Fair Grounds Recycling Project. Jim will donate the barrels and the signage on them. Northern Macomb youth will commit to do the collecting and sorting. Jim will also have a sign up sheet in the 4-H barn on Sunday and during the week if other 4-H youth want to become involved. He will be camping on the Fair Grounds during the week and figured that initial sorting could be done at his campsite. Daily pick up would be about 9:30 in the morning when crowds are at a minimum.

Anne then reported on the possibility of getting a MCSSA bus to transport 4-H'ers to the Fall Horticulture and Entomology Workshop in October on campus. Although she didn't have a specific hourly cost, Tina said that it was less than an inexpensive commercial company that 4-H has used in the past. If we got a full busload, it might only be \$10 per youth.

Anne reported on the state of the NATURE Program garden at Schoefield Elementary. Some grass adjacent to the planted area still needs to be killed with Roundup before mulch can be applied. Anne's plan is to ask MG's to help spread the mulch and gravel on a yet undetermined evening. 4-H'ers from clubs in the southern part of the County could also be contacted, but because the garden is between 8 and 9 mile, between Ryan and Dequindre, she figured that most 4-H clubs wouldn't want to participate, especially around Fair time.

We then discussed the proposed MSUE Children's Garden. It might be the right project to keep a small group of MGs working with the Committee through the winter. Pat Behe was interested in taking a leadership role on getting MG involvement and figuring out how to get monetary or material donations to get the basics done.

We ended by discussing the meeting schedule for the next few months. We felt that plans for an August meeting should be cancelled since attendance has been sparse this summer and we really didn't have any business to discuss. We suggested a September meeting at which we'd formally propose our Bylaws and discuss details for promoting participation in the Fall Hort/Entom workshop. At an October meeting we would formally adopt the proposed Bylaws and elect

officers for 2004-5, determine programming goals for the year and set an appropriate meeting schedule.

The meeting was adjourned about 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Crotser, 4-H Staff Liaison.